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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 14933

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CG, EAID, EFIN, PINS, MOPS  
SUBJECT: BRIEFING GOE ON PARIS MEETING ON ZAIRE

REF: STATE 148408

1. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN KAMEL TODAY, AMBASSADOR BRIEFED HIM ON PARIS MEETING PER REFTEL. AHMED MAHER WAS PRESENT. AT KAMEL'S REQUEST, TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 WERE LEFT WITH HIM. KAMEL INDICATED HE WOULD USE THEM TO BRIEF SADAT.

2. KAMEL'S REACTION TO OUR VIEWS WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE. HE NOTED THAT MOBUTU IS WIDELY VIEWED AS A SYMBOL OF CORRUPTION. UNLESS MOBUTU INTRODUCES SERIOUS POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL REFORMS, WHICH HE HAS LONG SOUGHT TO AVOID DOING, ZAIRE WILL REMAIN A FESTERING SORE. HE HAD SUGGESTED TO SADAT THAT THE PRESIDENT SEND MOBUTU A PERSONAL MESSAGE URGING THE NEED FOR SWEEPING REFORM IN ZAIRE. SADAT AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE BUT PREFERRED DOING SO TOGETHER WITH KING HASSAN. KAMEL SAID HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ABOUT SUCH A MESSAGE.  
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(MAHER NOTED MOBUTU HAD LEFT KINSHASA YESTERDAY TO AVOID HAVING RECEIVE WESTERN AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE ON REFORM.)

3. KAMEL ALSO RELATED THAT WHILE IN PARIS, FRENCH FONMIN HAD URGED THAT EGYPT CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO PAN-AFRICAN FORCE FOR ZAIRE. KAMEL HAD POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT IS STILL FACING MILITARY THREATS FROM EAST (ISRAEL) AND THE

WEST (LIBYA) AND IS NOT THEREFORE IN A POSITION TO SEND TROOPS. HE HAD NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT EGYPT HAS SENT SIX "HEAVY ARTILLERY PIECES TO ZAIRE ALONG WITH SOME INSTRUCTOR PERSONNEL. KAMEL SAID HE HAD REPORTED THE FRENCH REQUEST TO SADAT AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD GENERALLY AGREED WITH HIS VIEWS. KAMEL ALSO EXPRESSED SOME MISGIVINGS OVER THE DESIRABILITY OF A PAN-AFRICAN FORCE UNDER WHAT WOULD BE PERCEIVED BY MANY AS A "WESTERN UMBRELLA". ANY SUCH IMPRESSION, HE THOUGHT, WILL RADICALIZE STILL MORE THE EXTREMIST AFRICAN STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT TWO VERY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ARE COMING UP--THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE AND THE OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM AND THAT CARE WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN THAT ZAIRIAN ISSUE NOT POLARIZE THESE CONFERENCES.

4. KAMEL EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT OUR THOUGHT OF SEEKING TO PROMOTE SOME SORT OF STABILITY ON ZAIRIAN/ ANGOLAN BORDER IS A GOOD ONE. HE SUGGESTED THIS SHOULD ALSO BE DONE ON ZAMBIAN BORDER. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO SEE WHETHER GOE MIGHT HELP IN THIS REGARD. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WILL HAVE TO HAVE SADAT'S APPROVAL. HE EXPECTS TO SEE SADAT AGAIN LATER THIS WEEK AND WILL AT THAT TIME RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM. EILTS

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